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Teresa Rodriguez-Yip '83

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ON THE COVER: (L to R) Linda A. Ignaro '07, English major/sociology minor; MaryAnn Nguyen '07, religious studies/sociology major; Jacqueline Powers Doud, President; Barbara Johnson '55, nursing major; and Sasha Mejia '08, nursing major, share their experiences at the Mount on the steps of Mary Chapel on the Chalon Campus. Photo by Rick Mendoza

Tradition, Transition, and Transformation

On a clear, sunny October day in the year 2000, when I was inaugurated as the Mount's eleventh president, I offered a vision for the College's future calling upon three significant themes: *Tradition, Transition,* and *Transformation*. Now, five years later, I am happy to share some thoughts with you to illustrate how these concepts have, and will continue to move the College forward and assure its bright future.

This year, as Mount St. Mary's College celebrates its 80th year of excellence in education, we are reminded of our rich Catholic identity, and the cherished values and traditions we received from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet that have guided us and continue to keep us strong and viable. The article about the significance of women's colleges on page 13 tells how and why the Mount has thrived so long and so well, producing 14,500 stellar graduates who use their knowledge and skills to better themselves, their environments, and the world.

RICK MENDOZA

In May, our three beautiful graduation ceremonies offered outstanding occasions to celebrate our traditions as more than 500 new graduates were awarded degrees, and were cheered on by faculty, staff, family, and friends just as they must have been at our very first commencement in 1929. From the class of 2005 (see page 16) to our Golden graduates, (see page 19), another link has been added to the chain of time-honored Mount history.

And of course, there is probably no more momentous opportunity to bring our traditions to the forefront than at our annual Homecoming celebration, which will take place on October 22, 2005, on our Chalon Campus. We will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the founding of the College (see page 18), and I hope to meet and greet every one of you that day.

Our new campus plan will guide the transition of the College's physical and educational environment for the next 10 years. It provides a broad framework of initiatives to create vibrancy on both campuses and a closer sense of community for our students. Facilities will be updated while keeping the integrity of our exquisite architecture. Improved parking will be addressed along with recreational spaces. Student academic support services will be repositioned to create more efficient student services, and we will improve the quality of residential life. The work has already begun, and as I look out my Chalon office window, I am treated to a new expansive view as our tireless gardening staff removes sections of the hedges to open the lawn areas near the Circle. We will be telling you much more about these exciting changes in future issues.

One of the most significant areas of transformation has been in technology, and I am pleased to report that the Mount community is enjoying a state-of-the-art system. Please take a look at our newly designed Web site at www.msmc.la.edu. The inside cover, and the AlumLine feature on page 4 describe new ways for us to communicate with each other online.

Transformation is also evident in the accomplishments of our students. We can take pride in the achievements of our newest Rockefeller Fellow (see page 9); the winner of a mock legal trial competition (see page 6); the impressive work of the VITA class (see page 9); and the accomplishments of the students who spent a week in San Francisco on a mission to reach out to the homeless (see page 11). The outcomes from these experiences offer multi-dimensional learning that students will use in their personal and professional lives, and give them a stronger and more practical understanding of their course work.

When I shared my vision five years ago, I pledged that we would formally and intentionally articulate the central values of our mission so that each one of us serves as a catalyst for the other in keeping vibrant and fresh our contribution to the academy, to the city, and to the world. And to that pledge, we are faithful.

With tradition to guide us, transformation will be ever present as we build our beloved Mount in the exciting years ahead.

With warm regards,

Jacqueline Powers Doud
President

An Education For The Three of Us

By James Roach '05

(From left) Lisa, James, and Natalie Roach chose the Mount for their education.

"The three of us, as graduates: Natalie, 2002; me, 2005; and Lisa in 2007, share a great affection for the Mount. This is especially so for me, where the high quality education I received in liberal arts helped me reevaluate some of the opinions and beliefs I had developed over a lifetime, and derive better insight about why things are the way that they are in the world."

Where parents decide to send their children to college says a lot about the value they place on education. When my first daughter, Natalie, pursued admission to MSMC, little did I know that our family would go through the admission process a total of three times at Mount St. Mary's College. This is a pretty good testimonial to the positive thoughts we all have regarding the College.

Here's how all of this unfolded. In 1998, after our daughter Natalie expressed an interest in studying nursing at MSMC, my wife Carol and I quickly encouraged her to seek admission. She graduated *Cum Laude* in 2002 with a B.S. in nursing. She is now employed as a nurse in the liver transplant intensive care unit of UCLA Medical Center. While she was a student, we gladly paid the monthly tuition, delighted with the credentials of the school, the conscientiously professional faculty, and the magnificent facility. In 2002, while caught up in the emotion of Natalie's graduation ceremony, the thought occurred to me that I would like to graduate from the same school as my daughter. It, indeed, was one of my better thoughts.

After a brief period of reflection, I enrolled in the Weekend College in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in liberal arts, following a sojourn of 33 years from my earlier college experience. Our youngest daughter, Lisa, enrolled in MSMC last year, and I have to say, that it seemed to me unusual, compared to most parent–child relationships that we found ourselves discussing our teachers, assignments and student worries, together. Lisa is doing well and loves the College, and we are delighted that Lisa has set her sights on obtaining a master's degree in education at the Mount. This too, my wife Carol and I will support, as we know the education she will receive will be something that can't be measured in mere dollars.

The three of us, as graduates: Natalie, 2002; me, 2005; and Lisa in 2007, share a great affection for the Mount. This is especially so for me, where the high quality education I received in liberal arts helped me reevaluate some of the opinions and beliefs I had developed over a lifetime, and derive better insight about why things are the way that they are in the world.

My own intention is to attend the Master of Arts in Humanities Program at the Doheny Campus in January 2006, with the eventual goal of teaching college after my retirement, as teaching was my profession many years ago.

I cannot speak highly enough about the quality of the faculty, staff and curriculum at the Mount. I am hopeful the day will come when our grandchildren share the same experience!

A Closer Look

A Closer Look examines the features of Mount AlumLine, ***www.msmcalums.la.edu****, one at a time.*

Do It the Easy Way

Register for Homecoming 2005 (Saturday, October 22, 2005) on Mount AlumLine! It is easy and saves you time.

- Go online to www.msmcalums.la.edu/homecoming2005.
- View the event details and then click on "Registration"—this takes you to a reply form.
- You may enter a guest's name, if applicable, and send a message to the event coordinator regarding the event.
- Next you will be asked to submit your credit card information.
- You then receive a confirmation number for your reservation.

That's all there is to it. So make your life easier, RSVP on Mount AlumLine!

College Receives $440,000 from Kaiser to Help Nursing Students Pay Tuition

Students in the Mount's one-year accelerated nursing program will have part of their tuitions paid through a $440,000 gift from Kaiser Permanente in an effort to attract quality nurses quickly and ease a severe staffing shortage.

The program covers up to two-thirds of the cost of tuition for 17 students. In exchange, the students will work at a Kaiser hospital for two years after graduation. The College received the money early in the year, and student recipients of the funds were honored at an April luncheon in the Doheny Mansion.

Students selected for the forgivable loan program will perform clinical rotations and receive mentoring from Kaiser Permanente nursing staff during their college work.

"We are proud to be partners with the Kaiser Foundation," said Mount President Jackie Doud. "Their generous financial assistance to our students will enable Mount St. Mary's to prepare more nurses in a time of great need in our community."

Maureen Casamiquela, regional program manager of the Kaiser Foundation Hospitals Patient Care Services, said Mount students will be embraced by her organization. "With the forgivable loan program, we are doing something totally unique to help students become Kaiser Permanente nurses," she said. "It is one of the many innovative initiatives we have implemented to address the California nursing shortage, which is a huge crisis."

Mary Wickman, chair of the College's Department of Nursing, said the partnership makes good sense. "For the new graduates, this program offers a winning combination of having their education paid for while gaining a first work experience in a quality healthcare organization."

According to the California Healthcare Association, California ranks 49th in the nation in terms of the number of RNs per capita—with 585 RNs per 100,000 population, compared to the national average of 798 RNs per 100,000 population. Only Nevada has fewer RNs per capita than California.

FRANCINE MARLENÉE

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing students who received tuition awards from Kaiser Permanente were recognized at an April luncheon in the Doheny Mansion. Attending the luncheon are: (First row) Aida Bucago, professional education consultant, Academic Partnership Programs, Kaiser Permanente; Judy Husted, executive director, Patient Care Services, Operations, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals; Jackie Doud, Mount president; Mary Boyce, former Mount provost; Sister Carol Purzycki, director of the Mount's Accelerated Nursing Program; student Genevieve Tatco. (Second row) Maureen Casamiquela, manager, Education and Clinical Practice, Kaiser Permanente; students Kelly Moberly, Kasmire Pham, Trang "Liz" Pham, Kathleen Cates, and Regina Adad. (Third row) Students Kevin Walters, Shannon Younger, Cynthia Yung, Heather Roberts, and Jessica Muro. (Top row) Students Grace Ann Strick, Allison Mahurin, Danilo Barrientos, Mary Ahmadian, Heather Johnson, and Kristin Cominski.

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Sister Annette Bower, CSJ '59, Retires After 40 Years as Chair of Biological Sciences

As the only woman in many of her master's and Ph.D. degree courses in biological sciences during the 1960s, Sister Annette Bower '59, CSJ, vowed to spend her career in academe creating more opportunities for women in the sciences.

Her persistence paid off in the 42 years she taught at the Mount. Sister Annette leaves a long legacy of success stories as she retires this year after four decades as chair of the College's Biological Sciences Department. She taught and mentored young women who have gone on to various careers in the sciences, many of them becoming physicians and biomedical researchers. More than a few of her graduates have said to Sister Annette, "I want to get my Ph.D. and come back to the Mount and do what you're doing."

Her grant writing inspired programs that matched Mount students with the top minds in science around the country at research conferences, and created programs that encouraged women to pursue advanced degrees. Under her leadership, the department grew from approximately 30 women to nearly 110 now. About 75 percent of today's Mount biology graduates go on to medical or graduate school.

"My greatest delight has come from watching these young women graduate from the Mount and go out into the world as professionals," she said. "My goal has been to infuse the perspective of women into the fields of medicine and science."

Sister Annette Bower, CSJ '59, is congratulated by President Jackie Doud for her 42 years of service to the Mount at the president's End of Year Dinner in May.

In the late 1970s, Sister Annette received a seven-year grant from the National Science Foundation to support and enable women to pursue their graduate degrees. These women had dropped out of science to start their families or work but were now ready to return and go forward into graduate degree studies and further their careers.

She successfully led the Mount's Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program funded with millions of dollars since 1990 by grants from the National Institutes of Health General Medical Sciences Division. Students' work in the program is regularly spotlighted at the national level, and they are exposed to prominent professors at research institutions around the country.

Sister Annette earned her Ph.D. in 1972 from the University of Arizona, Tucson, in neuroendocrinology, her master's degree in cell biology from the Catholic Creighton University in Nebraska, and her bachelor's degree in biology from the Mount.

She has devoted her own research to investigating the causes of high blood pressure and heart attacks—the No. 1 killers in the world today. Students working with Sister Annette seek to learn what chemicals in the body control the heart's release of a life-saving peptide hormone, which helps lower blood pressure.

In 2002, Sister Annette celebrated her 50-year anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet. She serves as a trustee and board member of the Carondelet Health Network, and is a past trustee and board member of Carondelet High School in Concord, CA.

Sister Annette will be honored at a dinner Nov. 18 in the Chalon Campus Center. The cost is $25 a person, with proceeds going to the new Sister Annette Bower Endowed Scholarship for biological sciences students. To donate to the scholarship or for information about the dinner, please call (213) 477-2761.

Applause

Deniz Cizmeciyan, associate professor in the Department of Physical Sciences and Mathematics, had the paper "2H NMR and X-ray diffraction studies of methyl rotation in crystals of orthomethyldibenzocycloalka-nones" published in the *Solid State NMR Journal*. She co-authored the paper with Heather Yonutas, Steven D. Karlen, and Miguel A. Garcia-Garibay.

The third Romilia Chacon mystery by **Marcos McPeek Villatoro**, Fletcher Jones Chair in Writing/Creative Writing, was released in April. In *A Venom Beneath the Skin: A Romilia Chacon Mystery*, another serial killer is on the Latina detective's heels. This time, Romilia goes from policewoman to FBI agent.

El Camino College honored **Susan Meyer**, assistant professor, Nursing Department, in March as one of 10 distinguished women, and added her to its Women's Wall of Fame.

Stella Wohlfarth, student health services coordinator at the Doheny Campus, successfully completed the American Nurses Credentialing Center certification exam for college health nurse. She now holds certification in three areas: public health nurse, childbirth educator, and college health nurse.

The biography of Mount Lecturer **Frankie Lennon**, who teaches in the English Department was accepted for publication in the 9th Edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. Lennon was chosen for her "ability and dedication," and for making a "significant impact and difference in the lives of her students." She also was accepted into a highly-competitive writing residency program for women which she attended in July.

Mount's Film Program Hosts Big-Name Filmmakers, Documentary Showings

JOANNA BANKS

Filmmaker Barbara Trent (center) talks with aspiring filmmakers about social activism during a visit to the College.

Academy Award-winning filmmaker Barbara Trent challenged students in the College's documentary storytelling class to become socially active and to question decisions about war during her visit to the Chalon Campus in the spring semester.

Trent, who won the Oscar in 1993 for *The Panama Deception* about the devastating aftermath of the 1989 U.S. invasion of Panama, spoke and screened her latest work as part of the Mount's Documentary Film and Social Justice program.

Trent is co-founder and co-director of the Empowerment Project (www.empowermentproject.org), which produces documentary films and videos that are used to organize for social change and media reform.

The documentary storytelling class aims to help students tell compelling stories through documentary films.

During another event in the spring, the Mount's Human Rights Film Festival presented a viewing and discussion of the award-winning documentary "Super Size Me" in the Doheny Lecture Hall.

Filmmaker Morgan Spurlock wanted to see the effects of living on a fast-food diet and ate nothing but McDonald's cuisine for 30 days. Coincidentally, within two months after the premier of "Super Size Me," the fastfood chain quit selling super-sized meals.

Generous Gift From UniHealth Allows Nursing Department to Upgrade Labs

The Mount's Nursing Department is completing renovations of its skills labs and classrooms this summer to include the latest technology using a $558,000 gift from UniHealth Foundation of Los Angeles.

Remodeled labs at both the Chalon and Doheny campuses are being completed in August with new $29,000 anatomically realistic patient care simulators—the latest in nursing training technology. Each mannequin, known as a "Sim-Man," allows students to navigate a patient's difficult airway system, practice emergency care procedures, and administer intravenous therapy through a specially designed arm. Students will know if they make a mistake because the simulated human reacts with changing heart rates and blood pressure readings.

The enhancements come as the College is beginning a three-year expansion of its four nursing programs to increase the number of students in training from 500 to 700. The effort will send more highly-qualified nurses into the Los Angeles health care workforce, graduating 260 students each year instead of 160.

Nursing Department Chair Mary Wickman said she expects that offering the latest technology will attract more students to the College's already robust nursing programs, and solidify the Mount's place as the region's best school for well-trained nurses.

In addition to bringing in top-notch technology, new labs and classrooms are designed as student centers with ample seating and computer stations to bring nurses-in-training together to discuss their coursework. At Chalon, the current lab is being combined with a classroom next door to provide one area for skills learning and a conference table, and another area with a library sitting area, computers, and training equipment.

At Doheny, a second skills lab and more classroom space is being added. A sliding door will divide the new lab from remodeled classroom space that includes rows of tables that each seat four students.

"This is so terrific to see a total change in our skills labs, which are really the center of our programs," Wickman said. "In our new layout, students will get a chance to collaborate with fellow classmates while learning in a fun and challenging environment."

Mount's Mock Trial Team Members Take Home Awards

Nicole Riesgo '05 beat out aspiring lawyers from 13 other California colleges, including USC and UCLA, to be named best attorney and best witness in the American Mock Trial Association's regional competition earlier this year in Los Angeles.

GLENN MARZANO

Mount graduating senior Nicole Riesgo '05 took home two awards from the American Mock Trial Association's regional competition in February.

Riesgo joined 13 teammates to present the case of Kissner v. Polk Hospital—a case about whether a hospital was negligent in discharging a psychiatric patient too early. The patient attacked the plaintiff with a tire iron.

Riesgo, who has wanted to be a lawyer since she was 7, studied the case for a year and even learned medical jargon to become an effective witness as the hospital's chief of staff. This is the second year the Mount has entered the regional competition of the American Mock Trial Association. Thirty-one teams and 13 schools competed, including UCLA, USC, UC San Diego, UC Santa Cruz, UC Santa Barbara, Loyola Marymount University, and Claremont McKenna College.

The Mount in the Media

Detroit Free Press—The *Free Press* travel writer wrote a first-person account of bringing her teenage daughter to Los Angeles in search of familiar locations in the television show "The O.C." The two visited the Mount's Chalon Campus, where some of the show's school scenes are filmed (May).

PRNewswire—InPhonic Inc. (Nasdaq: INPC - News), a leading online seller of wireless services and products, announced the addition of Diana Hayden '00 as senior director of Investor Relations. Hayden earned her degree with honors from the Mount's Weekend College in Business Administration (May).

The Tidings—quoted Mount graduating senior Rebecca Levin '05 and Gail Gresser, the Mount's director of Campus Ministry, in a story examining a report that shows increasing spirituality among the nation's college students (May).

KCBS 2 News/California Dreams—aired a segment about the Doheny Mansion with expert commentary from MaryAnn Bonino '61, the mansion curator, and Mount alumnae Peggy Leahy Starr '64 and Mickey Leahy Payne '64, twin sisters as well as docents leading tours of the Mansion (May).

La Canada Valley Sun—featured the Mount's Nursing Department in a mention of La Canada resident Cynthia Yung receiving a loan repayment from Kaiser Permanente for up to two-thirds of her tuition in the accelerated BSN program (April).

89.3 KPCC National Public Radio—aired a news segment on April 22 about the College receiving $440,000 from Kaiser Permanente to help pay the tuitions for students in the Mount's Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program (April).

Los Angeles Times—ran a feature story about the Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics Career Conference held at the College on April 23. The College hosted the event, which is in its 26th year (April).

KCET Life & Times—featured Marcos McPeek Villatoro, Fletcher Jones Chair in Writing/Creative Writing at the College, in a segment about the release of his latest Romilia Chacon mystery. The segment also discusses Villatoro's teaching at the Mount and how he inspires his students to become writers. For information about the new book, go to Villatoro's Web site, www.marcosvillatoro.com (April).

Annenberg TV News—the USC student-produced newscast interviewed Father Guillermo Garcia, director of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies, and Sister Darlene Kawulok, chair of the Religious Studies Department. The Mount experts were interviewed about the selection of a new Pope (April).

Beyond the Beltway—the national Adelphia cable public affairs television show featured President Jackie Doud as its guest discussing the death of Pope John Paul II and possible changes in the Catholic Church. She joined host Dan Blackburn and four regular panelists (April).

KWKW 1330 AM radio—featured Sofia Juarez '05, a bachelor of science in nursing student at the Mount, who shared her story of entering the medical profession to a Spanish-language audience (April).

The Chronicle of Higher Education—listed 2005 Baccalaureate Graduation speaker Pat Harvey in its commencement coverage (March).

Newhouse Religion News Service—quoted Father Guillermo Garcia, director of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies, in a story about how colleges across the country are applying popular culture to religion and philosophy. The story ran across the country, including several California cities and (March).

Orange County Register—featured Mount Alumna Merry Friedman Grasska '78 in a story about how she was named National School Nurse of the Year (March).

NurseWeek—The magazine for nursing professionals ran a feature story on Mary Wickman '74, who was named chair of the College's Department of Nursing in January. Wickman earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from the Mount and master's and doctorate degrees from UCLA (February).

For Master's Degree Recipient, 2005 Graduation is Like Coming Home

When Ta-Lecia Arbor '05 walked across the stage in May to receive her master's degree in counseling psychology from the Mount, she completed a family journey that began more than 30 years ago when her parents both earned advanced degrees from the College.

"The biggest tribute I could give to my parents was to graduate from Mount St. Mary's," Arbor said. "I kind of welled up when they said my name, and I looked over at my mom as she smiled. She mouthed to me, 'Job well done.'"

Arbor's mother, Addie Lee Butler Arbor '72, and her father, Thaddeus Arbor '71, both earned master's degrees in education. Thaddeus Arbor passed away six years ago, but Addie Arbor said he would have been thrilled that his only child decided to continue her education at the Mount.

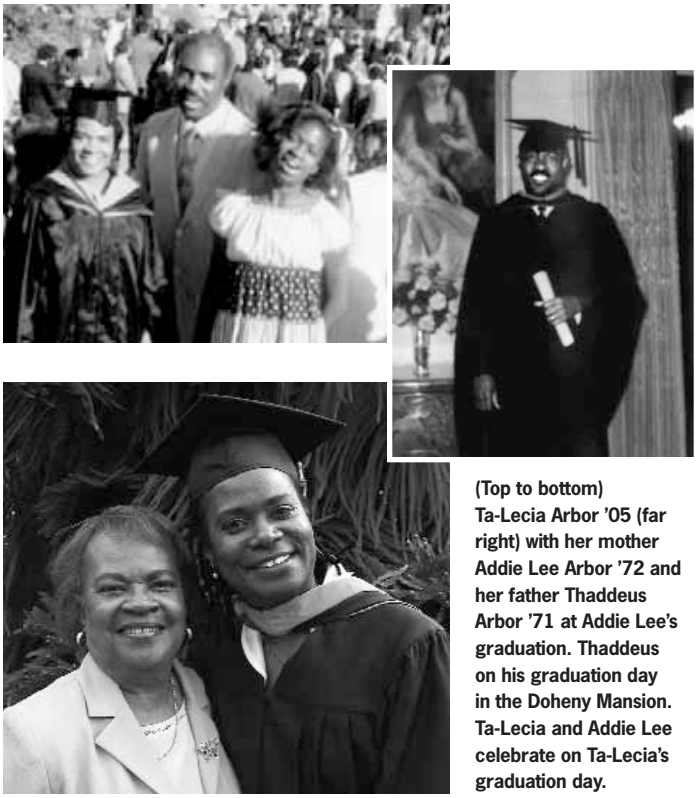
"I had a big smile on my face that day, and I imagined how my husband would have looked, how whenever he smiled he had a beautiful glint in his eyes," Addie Arbor said. "At Mount St. Mary's, you got to know the teachers and you could tell they cared about you. You got to know your classmates. It was easy to get around, and it was like being at home."

Ta-Lecia said she respected that her father taught for years in L.A. County schools for youth on probation, and that her mother used the administrative credential earned at the Mount to move from being a counselor to being an elementary school principal and junior high school assistant principal in Compton. But even though her parents were lifelong educators, Ta-Lecia knew she wanted to do something in psychology.

Ta-Lecia, who earned her bachelor's degree in English from Cal State Long Beach, wants to work in human resources and possibly counsel employees at a corporation or educational organization.

"People always seem to gravitate to my outgoing and friendly personality," she said.

Graduating this spring was like coming home for Ta-Lecia. She used to play on the park-like grounds of the Doheny Campus as a little girl while her mother was finishing her education courses during the summer. "It's like coming full circle," she said.



(Top to bottom) Ta-Lecia Arbor '05 (far right) with her mother Addie Lee Arbor '72 and her father Thaddeus Arbor '71 at Addie Lee's graduation. Thaddeus on his graduation day in the Doheny Mansion. Ta-Lecia and Addie Lee celebrate on Ta-Lecia's graduation day.

Mount Professor Commended for Work with Chinese Sister City

Former Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn honored Mount Business Administration Professor Katherine Whitman in the spring for her contributions to strengthening the cultural and economic ties between L.A. and sister city Guangzhou, China.

Whitman was honored with a certificate of commendation during the annual Los Angeles-Guangzhou Sister City Banquet. As part of her work with the Guangzhou, she has been working on student exchange programs with two professors at Guangdong University of Commerce and Law.

Whitman has recently co-authored the textbook *Intercultural Communication Skills* with professors from the university. The book is being used as a text in business-English classes throughout China.

In addition, her article, "General Managers' Capability in Asian Organizations—Empirical Findings of Four Studies" was published in the Winter 2005 edition of the *Journal of the Association for Global Business*. The article is co-authored by Peter Antoniou, a lecturer in the Mount's Business Administration Department.

Business Administration Professor Katherine Whitman (center) accepts a certificate of commendation from the city of Los Angeles for her work to advance ties between Los Angeles and Guangzhou, China. With her are Irving Karp, vice chairman of the Los Angeles Guangzhou Sister City Association (left), and Jeffrey Cheung, president of the association.

In The Classroom

A Non-Taxing Experience

It was a class designed to take students out of the classroom and place them into the community; to teach them not only principles of business, but also how to give service to others. It was a business administration course, but some non-business majors also took it. It taught ways to communicate with individuals from diverse backgrounds; required learning lots of details; and yet, 31 students clamored to be enrolled.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), was taught by alum Irma Toscano '84, an elementary school teacher who is also a volunteer with the Internal Revenue Service. It was given in the spring semester and trained students in time to prepare income taxes for low to moderate-income individuals.

"This course was very different from what the students were used to, but they were eager to learn more," said Toscano. "Many of them signed up not for the credit, but because they really wanted to help taxpayers."

"After much rigorous training, our students had to pass an exam to become certified volunteers to prepare income tax forms electronically, and all 31 of them passed," said Mark Alhanati, assistant professor of Business Administration. "Once that was achieved, both Mount campuses became official VITA sites for the IRS."

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Irma Cabrera '05, who was an accounting major at the Mount, and is now an auditor for the public accounting firm KPMG, had never filled out a tax form before, not even her own. "At first we were all nervous when we started to work on the forms because we didn't want to make a mistake," she said. "But the IRS provided excellent software which was very helpful, and it was a wonderful feeling to assist people and give back to the community."

In just a few weeks, the students reached out to the Mount community and to the local church parishes of St. Vincent and St. Agnes in downtown Los Angeles. They electronically filed more than 50 returns, prepared many others by hand, and became a community resource for individuals seeking specific tax-related information.

The opportunity for students to participate in the VITA program was funded by a grant from the Joseph Drown Foundation, which provided support for the Mount's outreach programs, including the Student Ambassadors, Live at the Mount, and the Da Camera Society's youth programs.

Mount Junior Receives Prestigious National Teaching Fellowship

Brenda Lopez '06 rose from modest family roots in Pico Rivera, CA to become the College's newest recipient of a prestigious national teaching fellowship award. The Mount now has 23 awardees of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellowships for Students of Color Entering the Teaching Profession since the program's inception in 1992.

Lopez, one of six children of immigrants from Mexico, said her parents instilled in her the importance of an education. She is the first in her family to attend college. Lopez is among 25 college juniors across the country to receive the teaching fellowship.

Brenda Lopez '06

The fellowships include a $2,500 stipend for a summer teaching project, and a stipend of $12,000 for one year of full-time graduate study or $16,000 for two years of full-time study. Upon completion of a graduate program, fellows who begin work in public school classrooms as credentialed teachers will be assisted with loan repayments up to $1,200 annually for a maximum of three years of continuous teaching. Lopez said she hopes to attend Stanford University's graduate education program and return to El Rancho High School in Pico Rivera to teach history.

"The best thing I can give back to my parents is to show them that their struggles coming over here weren't wasted," said Lopez, a history major. "I know if I make a difference in somebody else's life in the classroom that my parents will be able to see that."

Lopez said she succeeded with the tough Rockefeller judges in New York thanks to good advice from her Mount mentor Diane Rodriguez, an assistant professor in the Sociology Department and Robin Gordon, director of Secondary Education in the College's Education Department.

Remembering Sister Mercia Louise Zerwekh, CSJ '37

August 5, 1914–May 14, 2005

Adapted in part from a necrology by Sister Constance Fitzgerald, CSJ

Sister Mercia Louise Zerwekh was born Mary Frances Zerwekh, on August 5, 1914, in San Pedro, CA, the fourth of eight children: six girls (all of whom had "Mary" in their names) and two boys, to Edward and Mary Zerwekh. She attended Mount St. Mary's, and after graduating in 1937 entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and received the name Sister Mercia Louise.

She began her ministry as a third grade teacher at St. Anselm's School in Los Angeles. After two years, she taught math at Bishop Conaty High in Los Angeles, and then spent two more years at Cathedral High in San Diego. She continued her education and earned a master's degree from UCLA and spent a year studying psychology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Her next mission brought her to Mount St. Mary's College for 16 years, teaching in the Education Department, and then taking charge of the general testing program. As an extra duty she also was in charge of the printing department, and after having to continually look up sisters' phone numbers, she created the first CSJ Province directory.

When the Archdiocesan Education Office needed a curriculum coordinator and psychologist for their elementary schools, Sister Mercia Louise was hired to coordinate the testing and guidance programs for 272 archdiocesan schools. She also conducted workshops for principals and teachers in areas of psychological diagnosis, test administration and evaluation. After 15 years of service for the Archdiocese, Sister Marcia Louise undertook private testing in elementary schools for the next 11 years.

In 1997 at age 83, Sister Mercia Louise became the archivist for Mount St. Mary's College. She lived at the Doheny Campus where she became known as "the cat lady," adopting stray cats, each of whom she named "Sassy" so she could call and feed them all at the same time.

She commuted to the Chalon Campus each day and eventually took up residence at Carondelet Center in 2001.

Sister Mercia Louise is survived by her sisters: Sister Mercia Zerwekh, OP; Sister Edward Mary Zerwekh, CSJ; Cecilia Zerwekh; and her sister-in-law, Mary Zerwekh.

Contributions in Sister Mercia Louise's memory may be sent to Stephanie Cubba, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Mount St. Mary's College, c/o Institutional Advancement, 10 Chester Place, Los Angeles, CA 90007.

Mind and Spirit Committee Brings Wide Range of Cultural Events to the Mount

The College's Mind and Spirit Committee brought a wide range of cultural events to faculty, students, and staff this spring, from traditional Indian dance to ragtime jazz piano and Cinco de Mayo mariachis.

The committee, led by Montserrat Reguant, chair of the Mount's Language and Culture Department, and supported by the Provost's Office, hosted three events at the Chalon Campus featuring the Colors of India dance program, pianist John Knapp performing numbers to illustrate the evolution of jazz piano, and an evening of dance, food, and music on Cinco de Mayo.

JOANNA BANKS

Members of the Orange County-based Shivam Arts dance company perform traditional Indian dances.

Chinese Professor Visits College

The Mount's visiting Chinese professor, Yu Xi of Nanjing University, compared Chinese and American college students during a visit to the Doheny Campus early this year, as part of the College's Bridging Cultures: U.S./China Program.

"In China, most college students live on campus, often up to eight in a dormitory room, and they use bicycles for transportation," she told students, faculty, and staff in the Wigwam on the Doheny Campus.

Xi is the third professor visiting the Mount's two campuses since the Education Department's Bridging Cultures: U.S./China Program began in 2000. Loyola Marymount University's Asian and Pacific Studies Program jointly sponsors the program. During her two-week visit, Xi conversed with students, observed classes, and was a featured speaker in several classrooms at the Mount and at LMU. In addition to her teaching responsibilities in China, Xi is a Ph.D. student with an emphasis on applied linguistics.

Each year, the bridging cultures program brings a Chinese visitor to the Mount to help students make a real-life connection with Chinese culture, and to provide fellowship recipients with an opportunity to learn about university life in the United States, according to program director Nancy Pine.

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Visiting Chinese professor Yu Xi (pictured, far left) with students and staff on the Doheny Campus in February.

Bridges

What We Did For Our Summer Vacation

Six MSMC students went to San Francisco during their summer vacation and they didn't go to the Golden Gate Bridge. They didn't ride the trolley cars either. They didn't even stroll through Fisherman's Wharf. These young women were on a mission to serve the homeless in San Francisco's downtown Tenderloin District. They learned about homelessness, and they prayed and reflected daily on their experiences. Cressida Cooke, Esperanza De La Torre, Daisy Gomez, Kenia Martinez, Patricia Martinez, and Annie Tran were housed in Star of the Sea convent affiliated with the College's founding Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

The students had a full itinerary each day that included morning Mass followed by volunteer work at the Vincentian Help Desk, one of the outreach centers of St. Vincent De Paul Society. Some MSMC students offered their hospitality to over 80 individuals daily assisting them with picking out fresh clothing, serving them coffee, and visiting with them. Next on the itinerary was standing in line and sitting down to lunch at St. Anthony's Kitchen with more than 2,400 individuals who lived on the streets and in shelters.

"I didn't really know what to expect," said Cressida Cooke, a pre-nursing major from Salt Lake City, Utah. "I arrived in San Francisco nervous and excited at the same time waiting to be immersed into the forgotten population of the world. Each morning my eyes watered as I met new people and saw the joy in their eyes as I sat and conversed with them. They opened my heart to an extent that I cannot describe," said Cressida.

"As Sisters of St. Joseph we have a special commitment to love and serve the 'dear neighbor,'

Standing (L-R): Sister Jan Husung, CSJ; Kenia Martinez, sophomore; Patricia Martinez, senior; Sister Anne Davis, CSJ; Esperanza De La Torre, senior; and Cressida Cooke, junior. Front row (L-R): Daisy Gomez, junior; and Annie Tran, sophomore.

a term our first sisters used to describe anyone in need," said Sister Jan Husung, co-facilitator with Sister Anne Davis. "We wanted to share with our young women the opportunity to experience the joy of ministry in the community, share faith, prayer and personal reflection, meet other volunteers with similar values, and make a difference in the world. As chaplain for St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Tenderloin, Sister Katie O'Shea was a perfect link for us to the homeless population."

To their delight, the students eventually did get the chance to ride the trolley cars and see some of the sites including the Golden Gate Bridge and Fisherman's Wharf.

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Women Can't Do Science? Yes, We Can!

Women Can't Do Science?

Graduates of women's colleges have a 170-year tradition as trailblazers in the sciences.

In March, during Women's History Month, Mount St. Mary's College and 52 other women's colleges across the country united with the Women's College Coalition to convey, through a full-page advertisement in the New York Times (March 20), the important role women's colleges have in educating women in the areas of math and science, and the value that graduates and students bring to society.

The ad asks the question, "Women Can't Do Science?" and answers with the evidence of a 170-year tradition of women leading the way in the sciences at women's colleges throughout America.

In the spring, the Mount hosted the 26th annual Math & Science Career Conference for girls in grades 5 to 8. Hundreds of middle school girls from throughout Los Angeles participated in workshops in veterinary medicine, civil engineering, theoretical physics, and chemistry.

The Mount Welcomes New Trustees

David V. Adams

David V. Adams is chair and co-founder of Nevins Adams Lewbel Schell in Santa Barbara and Marcus Adams Capital in Los Angeles. As chair of both entities, he is responsible for investor relations and investment oversight.

He received his bachelor's degree in real estate and finance from the University of Southern California. He holds a real estate broker's license and a real property administrator designation from the Building Owners and Managers of Greater Los Angeles (BOMA), and served as the organization's president in 1981-82.

Adams currently serves on the board of directors for Hollenbeck Home; Homeboy Industries; Nevins Adams Lewbell Schell; Morgan Adams, Inc.; Mortgage Oil Corporation; and Cary Products, Inc. He has been chair of the board for Marymount Academy in Santa Barbara, president of the Los Angeles Beautiful Committee, past executive director of the Ted Hayes Homeless Project; and a member of the Facilities Committee of St. Brendans Church.

In his leisure time he enjoys skiing, sailing, and golf.

Thomas J. Blumenthal

Thomas J. Blumenthal is the president and CEO of Gearys in Beverly Hills. He served as a member of the College's Regents Council from 2002 to 2005. He attended Marymount College where he received his Associate in Arts degree in business.

Blumenthal currently serves as president of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce, is vice president of the Maple Counseling Center, and is a member of the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills.

He received the 2005 Pioneering Spirit Award from the Beverly Hills City Council, and the Humanitarian Award from the Amie Karen Cancer Center for Children in 2004.

In his leisure time, Blumenthal enjoys traveling around the world seeking unusual items for his stores, and entertaining friends and business associates in his home.

Sister Jill Napier, CSJ '71

Returning to the Board of Trustees this year, Sister Jill Napier, CSJ '71, served previously from 1992 to 2004, and served as its chair from 1996 to 2003. She is currently the treasurer for the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Los Angeles Province.

Sister Jill has a rich background with many years of experience in education as a teacher and administrator.

She received her bachelor's degree and secondary teaching credential from Mount St. Mary's College, her MBA from Loyola Marymount University, and her doctorate in education from Pepperdine University in 2001.

She enjoys playing bridge and reading a good book.

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Joseph W. Waechter

Joseph W. Waechter is managing partner of California Pacific Capital, LLC and president of Sunra Capital Holdings Limited.

In 1972, Waechter joined DHL Worldwide Express where he held a number of positions including president and Chief Executive Officer from 1983 to 1987. He joined Air Micronesia, Inc. where he served as president and CEO from 1989 through 1997. He also served as chair and CEO of United Micronesia Development Association, Inc. and from 1994 to 1997, was chair and CEO of Danao International Holdings, a developer of golf, hotel, and resort projects in Vietnam.

He is a board member and officer for the Larry L. Hillblom Foundation; Varsity Logistics, BanX, and California Linear Devices.

Waechter enjoys traveling, golf, sailing, and being with his family.

Mount Lobbies to Hold Off Cuts to Cal Grant Funding

Mount President Jackie Doud joined students and staff this year to lobby state legislators and successfully stave off cuts to the Cal Grant program, which provides access to quality higher education for thousands of low-income Californians.

Last year, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed to cut maximum Cal Grants by 10.5 percent for low- and moderate-income students entering independent colleges. Doud and Cal Grant student recipients, along with other members of the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, lobbied state legislators and met with the governor himself to oppose the cuts. Schwarzenneger's revised budget included the $7.5 million needed to maintain a maximum award of more than $8,000 per student.

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State Sen. Gilbert Cedillo visited with President Jackie Doud and students at the Doheny Campus. From left: Karen Navarrete, Doheny ASB president; Jackie Doud; Sen. Cedillo; Viana Sosa; and Ashleigh Morton, assistant Doheny ASB president.

State legislators also visited the Mount in March and April to meet students and hear about the College's academic programs. State Sens. Sheila Kuehl and Gil Cedillo visited the College, and Doud met with a top aide for Assemblymember Paul Koretz.

RICK MENDOZA

80 Years of Redefining WOMEN'S Higher Education

BY THERESA DAVIS

Mount St. Mary's College is proudly celebrating its 80th anniversary this year—a triumph in academic excellence in women's education and service to Los Angeles.

In 1925, the Mount was founded in the pioneering spirit blazed by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The Mount founders believed that every capable woman should be given the opportunity to be challenged in an academically rigorous environment.

During the Mount's inaugural year, Mother Margaret Brady, CSJ, provincial superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and an administrator at St. Mary's Academy, responded to Bishop Cantwell's request to establish a Catholic women's college in Los Angeles. As enrollment grew, the founding sisters realized that they needed to expand to meet an increasing demand, and began to search for new property. Finally, after viewing and considering every available location in the Los Angeles area, a real estate agent introduced the sisters to a promising hilltop site. Since there was no road, the sisters had to climb up the steep Santa Monica Mountains through sagebrush, chaparral, and sumac. The sisters purchased the 33-acre property from the Rodeo Land and Water Company of Los Angeles for $4,500 an acre.

Mount St. Mary's College was soon built, and by June 16, 1929, the first commencement exercises were held on the new College site. The Mount's continued success in the years that followed was not always shared by other women's colleges. After the Civil

80 Years of Redefining WOMEN'S Higher Education

Rights Movement of the 1960s and '70s, many traditionally male-only colleges became coeducational. Enrollments dropped at women's colleges, and a significant number—more than 60 percent since 1960—closed their doors altogether.

Adaptability has allowed the Mount to flourish in spite of dwindling numbers of peer colleges. "We have consistently focused on our purpose, but have changed to meet contemporary needs," said Mount President Jackie Doud. "The Mount offers the attractive alternative of an education that focuses on the extraordinary contribution women can make toward a better society."

Today, just two percent of all women college graduates attended women's colleges in the U.S., according to recent statistics published by the Women's College Coalition. The other 98 percent attended co-ed institutions, which makes one wonder if there remains a need for women's colleges.

"There is a difference between need and value," said Sister Sean Peters, executive director of the Association of Colleges of Sisters of St. Joseph, an organization that includes the Mount. "The original need for women's colleges is not as great. But some find it to be a more life-giving environment and so there is still a lot of value."

High Expectations

Contemporary concerns of women—honing leadership skills and developing the ability to navigate professionally within a male-dominated environment—are different from those of their predecessors. The success stories of Mount alumnae illustrate how women's colleges instill the confidence to soar in the workforce.

"High expectations, personal attention and accessible examples of women in leadership roles seem to make the difference," said Alex Ceja '96. Ceja, who received her bachelor's degree in political science from the Mount and a master's degree in public administration from Baruch College in New York, is a program examiner for the White House Office of Management and Budget, where she helps formulate the President's budget for the Department of Labor, and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

"The Mount sees you not only as a woman but as a future leader and nurtures your skills," she said. "And the examples of leadership are right there. You're working side-by-side with the future Madeline Albrights instead of watching them from afar."

Alex Ceja '96

Suzanne Weber Hoffman '84

Suzanne Weber Hoffman '84 received a bachelor's degree in international business from the Mount, and her master's in public administration from Cal State Long Beach. She works for Boeing as the Director of Supplier Management for Command, Control, Communications, Computer Intelligence, Surveillance, Recognizance (otherwise known as C^4ISR) for the Future Combat Systems Program. In her male-dominated environment, Suzanne finds that having attended a women's college shines a different perspective on how she works with male colleagues.

"You don't think of it as competing with a man. It's about competing with another professional," she said. "I don't gender-base it. I just focus on being the best that I can be. The Mount spent a lot of time helping each of its students develop. That allowed me, even encouraged me, to make a mistake and learn from it."

Hoffman and Ceja participated in the Mount's leadership program, and attribute much of their career success to the mentoring they received. "There was a close-knit community of students and faculty," Hoffman said. "I've brought that sense of

community to my own team. It's about relationship building."

In the Catholic tradition of the Mount, there is a values-based component as well. "On a faith-based campus, the spirituality will come out in the individual's behavior," Sister Sean said. "It will show in how she behaves in meetings and how she treats others. Catholic teachings should not just show up in the courses. It should be a part of the culture. Indeed, one of the greatest benefits that Catholic women's colleges bring to society is the graduate – a woman who knows her gifts and feels a responsibility to use them."

Ceja has captured that lesson well. She said what she learned during her time at the Mount informs her views of White House policy issues under budget consideration. "I'm always thinking about what will be best for the community," she said, adding: "My experience at the Mount also influences how I feel about giving back. I give to various organizations and volunteer. I'm mentoring students now, particularly Latino students, and still meet with Mount students when they visit the White House."

80 Successful Years

Times have changed for the better for women, and many of the conditions that spurred the formation of women's colleges no longer exist. But the value of women's colleges in transforming lives cannot be underestimated, according to Susan Lennon, executive director of the Women's College Coalition in Washington, D.C. "Today, women's colleges are adapting and thriving, and it is a much richer landscape," Lennon said.

In a recent coalition piece about what young women should look for when selecting a college, Lennon wrote that women's colleges offer "vital, dynamic, and diverse options to consider… While each women's college is distinctive, the pedagogy, curriculum, and environment of today's women's colleges are focused on you – on your education, your personal and professional objectives, and your advancement."

As women take on new and diverse roles in society, the Mount remains a leader in women's Catholic higher education. The College provides opportunities for women to learn in classrooms with strong faculty and student interaction, specialized teaching of math and science, and a focus on enhancing self confidence, spirituality, and leadership skills.

The Mount is a shining example of a women's college that offers options to celebrate the unique qualities of women and teach them that they are capable of accomplishing absolutely anything.

Theresa A. Davis is the former MSMC director of Annual Giving, and is currently the Senior Director of Development for Basic Sciences, UCLA College of Letters and Science.

Two-Hundred Years of Advances in Women's Education

- 1800s: The demand swelled to advance the intellectual pursuits of women. However, few campuses would admit them.
- In 1837, Mount Holyoke College, the nation's oldest continuing college for women, opened its doors. Next was Vassar in 1861, followed by many others, including the Mount in 1925.
- 1840: St. Mary-of-the-Woods College founded in Indiana as the first of many women's institutions established by Catholic sisters.
- 1881: Spelman College was founded in Georgia as the nation's first black women's college.
- By the 1960s, nearly 60 percent of women's colleges in the country were sponsored by Catholic religious congregations.
- 1969: Yale and Princeton began to admit women.
- The number of women's colleges has shrunk significantly over the last four decades, from 300 in 1960 to only 60 this year, according to the Women's College Coalition. As of July 1, 2005, three more colleges made the decision to become coed.

According to the Women's College Coalition, graduates of women's colleges are more than twice as likely as graduates of coeducational colleges to receive doctorate degrees in the sciences.

Almost half of the graduates of women's colleges in the workforce hold traditionally male-dominated jobs, like physician or manager, at the higher end of the pay scale.

Many groundbreaking women in business and politics attended women's colleges, including the Mount's Monica Luechtefeld '71, executive vice president of global e-commerce for Office Depot, and Wellesley graduates Hillary Rodham Clinton and Madeleine Albright.

Even coed research universities are recognizing the compelling need to focus on women's needs. Duke University released a Women's Initiative report in 2003 that gained national attention for examining issues salient to women, including helping students, faculty, and staff maintain a healthy work-life balance; finding better ways to mentor undergraduate women; facilitating discussions about the importance of diverse perspectives; and creating an academic advising program that helps young women bridge the gap between academic and social life.

2005 Graduates Reminded: 'St

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BY JOANNA BANKS

More than 500 students in the Mount's baccalaureate, associate, and master's programs earned degrees during ceremonies in May, hearing from a diverse group of speakers whose inspirational stories urged graduates to use their talents to better society.

Pat Harvey, a veteran Los Angeles broadcast journalist who anchors the KCAL Prime 9 news, addressed the 330 baccalaureate graduates. She encouraged students to make the most of their values-based education at the Mount, and to be persistent in their search for meaningful lives. Harvey, who grew up in Detroit, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa by the Mount for "her high standards of conduct in all she does, and for her courage and compassion as a human being which expresses the mission of our College."

"We live in a time where religion often gets a battering," Harvey told graduates. "Stick to your beliefs, though, because survey after survey shows that those who live their faith live more fulfilled lives."

The College's highest honor, the Carondelet Medal, was awarded to J. Robert (who died in 2001) and Margaret M. Vaughan. The award was accepted by two of their daughters, Sister Judy and Sister Kieran Vaughan. The Vaughans were honored for

ick to Your Beliefs'

Opposite page, clockwise from top left: A.A. graduate Brooke Hogan '05 and family; Maria L. Quintanilla '83, speaker at the Associate in Arts ceremony; Associate Degree in Nursing students on the Doheny Campus; Graduate speaker Johnette Carstarphen Creary '04; Baccalaureate class tribute speaker Kassandra L. Garibay.

This Page, top row: President Jackie Doud with Michael Enright, chair of the Board of Trustees and Sisters Kieran and Judy Vaughan, accepting the Carondelet Medal on behalf of their parents, J. Robert and Margaret M. Vaughan; Baccalaureate graduates on the Chalon Campus; bottom row: Baccalaureate Speaker Pat Harvey; Weekend College tribute speaker Tracey Smith '04; and Krystal Fujishige of the Master's in Education Program on graduation day.

"their exemplary dedication to higher education and tireless years of service to the Mount."

The baccalaureate ceremony student speakers were Kassandra Leilani Garibay '05, a business administration major with an emphasis in marketing, and Tracey Smith '04, a Weekend College graduate who earned her bachelor's degree in liberal arts.

Nearly 80 Associate in Arts graduates celebrated on the front lawn of the Doheny Mansion. The ceremony featured speeches from Maria L. Quintanilla '83, executive director of the Latino Family Institute, Inc., the only Latino Adoption Agency in Southern California specializing in providing adoption and foster care services to the Latino community. Karen Navarrete '05, a liberal arts major with an emphasis in psychology, delivered the student speech.

More than 70 master's degree candidates received their degrees during the Graduate Hooding and Graduation on the Doheny Mansion front lawn. Graduates heard from speaker Dan Horn, principal of St. Genevieve High School in Panorama City, and from student speaker Johnette Carstarphen Creary '04, a nurse who earned her master's degree in nursing education.

Celebrating 80 Years—Making History

BY JOY JACOBS

"At this year's Homecoming on October 22, 2005, we will celebrate a very special event—the Mount's 80th Anniversary," said Jeanne Ruiz, director of Alumnae Relations. "Our theme, ***Making History,*** will be carried out with activities beginning in the early afternoon and lasting through our gala anniversary dinner."

Alums will be able to attend creative and varied workshops featuring topics sure to interest everyone, including a book discussion, a flower arranging class, a T'ai Chi lesson, an inspirational, spiritual workshop, a discussion of the United States Supreme Court, and a Web page design course, as well as workshops on education topics. After the workshops, the Reverend George O'Brien will be the celebrant for the special 80th Anniversary Mass.

Keeping in step with tradition, there will be reunion receptions in the Circle accompanied by the smooth sounds of a live jazz ensemble for the classes of '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, and 2000; a special 10-year reunion for the Doheny AA class of '95. There will also be special receptions for Golden Graduates; all non-reunion alumnae, Weekend College graduates, and one devoted to Mount alum educators and faculty.

"After a sumptuous dinner, we will pay tribute to our 80 years of Excellence in Education, with a salute to the Education Department and its stellar graduates; present our Outstanding Alumnae awards; and acknowledge our reunion classes, Golden Grads, and Weekend College alums," said Ruiz.

For information about Homecoming, please call (213) 477-2767 or go to www.msmc.alums.la.edu.

Homecoming 2005 Creative Workshops

A BOOK DISCUSSION

Presented by Scott Bryson, Ph.D., Associate Professor, English Department, MSMC—back by popular demand!

The well-known literary tradition of Los Angeles conjures up detectives in dark rooms solving crimes and fighting corruption. For this workshop, read Walter Mosley's 1992 murder mystery, *White Butterfly*, an example of this noir tradition. An in-depth discussion will illustrate how the author revised the "L.A. Whodunit." If you have time and inclination, take a look at Raymond Chandler's *The Big Sleep* for some good background and another fun read.

FUN WITH FLORALS: THE ART OF FLOWER ARRANGING

Presented by Leah Horrigan, owner of Flowers by Leah

Learn quick and easy hints for creating flower arrangements the ways the professional florists do. You will learn basic floral design elements as you assemble a centerpiece. A hands-on workshop will help you better understand the intricacies of color, proportion, balance, and flower selection to liven up your next table setting or celebration.

T'AI CHI CH'UAN

Presented by Tomme Ellis, instructor for more than two decades

T'ai Chi Ch'uan is an ancient Chinese internal exercise, a series of rounded, fluid movements performed slowly with concentration. You will learn basic positions to improve your body movements, health, energy, and self-awareness. Bring comfortable, loose clothing for this workshop.

CELL PHONE SPIRITUALITY: THE BIBLE, PRAYER, AND A BUSY SCHEDULE

Presented by William J. Shaules, Ph.D., Instructor at MSMC and Loyola Marymount University, and Pastoral Associate at Incarnation Parish in Glendale, CA.

This workshop will address the challenge of finding quiet prayer time within a hectic schedule. Biblical texts, the wisdom of spiritual leaders, and the insights of busy people will provide the basis for discussion. Come prepared to reflect on finding time to be with God!

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Presented by Adriana Ruiz, president of DETAILS/ Events and Marketing

Discover how easy it is to create your own personal homepage. Build a creative place to feature your family, a special hobby or another interest on the World Wide Web. You'll be able to announce an upcoming wedding or introduce a new baby. Make photo albums instantly available to family and friends, set up an online book group or start an online bulletin board forum to discuss and support your favorite cause.

THE LEAST DANGEROUS BRANCH? A REVIEW OF THE 2005 SUPREME COURT TERM

Presented by Helen Boutrous Ph.D., Assistant Professor, History and Political Science Department, MSMC, and Former US Government Attorney

The Supreme Court of the United States begins its term each year on the first Monday of October; the issues considered by the Court touch on critical aspects of American life. What will be the most important cases of the 2005 term? What are the implications of the Court's decisions for American politics and culture?

For full class notes and photos, go to: *www.msmcalums.la.edu*.

CLASS NOTES

'49

Estelle Zehngebot Deptula is recently widowed and occupies her time with parish involvement and with her late husband's organization, the Fifth Basic Class.

'51

Rosemary Mikulich Pisani reports that her husband, Lou, was inducted into the Southern Nevada Sports Hall of Fame in June.

Barbara Terpening McGourty and her husband Chuck celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary by touring Mexico and Egypt. Highlights of the tours included the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico and the Egyptian pyramids and tombs.

'52

Eileen Micklish Hempfling says that at 75 years old, she and her antique Model A Ford are still up and running. Recent tours include the bridges of Madison County, Mount Rushmore and the "Pike's Peak or Bust" tour to Colorado Springs.

'53

Lillian Pereyra lives with her two cats in a retirement community. She reports that there are lots of activities and the food is excellent!

'57

Myra Pestana Silversparre retired in April from the Pasadena California Public Health Department.

'59

Rosalie Meggiolaro O'Grady enjoyed a 6 week cross-country trip to visit her daughter in Texas and her son in South Carolina.

Golden Graduates of 1955 celebrate at Commencement.

'61

Barbara Mullen, a registered nurse, is very active at St. James Church in Redondo Beach. A parishioner for 10 years, Barbara delivers items for the sick in Ensenada (collected by the religious education students) and helps doctors who repair hairlips and cleft palates for the poor in Baja California. Barbara also is a director of the parish's Feed the Needy Program, and will sometimes visits some of the homeless who live under the pier in Redondo Beach. She finds emergency medical care and medicine for those who are very sick. She is also a Eucharistic minister, leads Bible study, and even helps to clean the church on Mondays.

Georgina Foerst Smith has a precious baby grandson, Nicholas, who is a joy to take care of.

'69

Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, has been named National Coordinator for Network: A Catholic Social Justice Lobby in Washington, D.C.

'70

Marcia Broaddus Niessen wants to share the great news about her first grandchild, Penelope Juliana Niessen, born in April. She hopes Penelope may be another Mountie one day.

Maria Gutierrez Ott has been named Superintendent of Schools for the Rowland Heights Unified School District. She recently served as Senior Deputy Superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

'71

Sister Kathy Stein, CSJ, was honored in March by the Soroptimist International of Garden Grove. Sister Kathy has been program director for Thomas House for 12 years, which provides a safe, supportive environment for homeless families while they are becoming independent and self-sufficient. She is also the resident financial director, secretary, media liaison, landlord, and even a Lamaze coach!

'72

Linda Esterbrooks Castile has two grandsons: Matthew, born in 2002, and Brett, born in 2005.

Sharon McBride Valente received the 2004 Hildegard Peplau Award from the American Nurses Association for psychiatric nursing and work with a vulnerable population.

'73

Gail Feigenbaum and her husband play the recorder, race walk, do international folk dancing, and take loving care of several cats.

'78

Colleen O'Leary-Kelley was selected to hold the first endowed chair in the School of Nursing at San Jose State University. This is the first fully-funded chair in the history of San Jose State University.

'79

April Hazard Vallerand has been promoted this summer to Associate Professor at the Wayne State University College of Nursing. She has also been elected as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. This is one of the highest honors a nurse can receive from her peers, and an honor that April has dreamed of for many years.

'82

Becky Kennedy Bertalan has been teaching nursing since 1995. She and her husband John miss Wyoming terribly, but Alabama is beautiful.

Denise Tabor Brown works for the Texas School Board Association in Austin, Texas and lives in New Braunfels. She is married and has 2

children. Denise and her sister, **Deborah Tabor Flugum '82**, are the daughters of **Rosalie Meggiolaro O'Grady '59**. **Deborah** works at Warner Brothers in Burbank and lives in Simi Valley. She is married and has 4 children.

'97

Krisianna Trager-Straw Lee is working at Kaiser Permanente as a project manager and has recently been elected President of Women in Health Administration of Southern California for 2005.

'00

Becky Lysakovski Johnson works as a case manager at the Maryland House of Correction, a maximum security men's prison. She loves her job and using what she learned from the Mount in her work.

'01

Joan Fletcher is working at McGrath Elementary in Newhall, and in November she will marry her fiance, Carlos Valdez.

Nely Go has been the Director of Religious Education and RCIA for St. Catherine Laboure Parish in Torrance since 2004.

Anna Saenz writes that she has multiple sclerosis.

'04

Nancy Aguilar is a provision specialist for Total Call International.

April Godinez is teaching at St. Joseph High School in Lakewood, CA. Her Mount classmate, **Amelia Hercules '04** also works there.

Sarah Moe is working in Washington, D.C., for a political action committee and will be attending graduate school.

VITAL STATISTICS

Two by Two

The Alumnae Association extends best wishes to the following alums and their spouses:

'63 Carol Kroll Babbitt to Stan Newton
'96 Alma D. Torres to Omar Gutierrez
'99 Yolanda Leal to Luis Limon

By-Lines

The Alumnae Association extends congratulations to the following alums and their spouses on the birth of their children:

'91 Matthew Joseph to Bernadette Caballes Walker
'00 John Paul to Aimee Jade Sison-Aquino, 2nd child, 2nd son
'05 Poiema Faith to Elaine Dai, 1st child

Requiescant

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

'29 Mary Scannell McClure
'37 Sister Mercia Louise Zerwekh, CSJ
'41 Billie Musil De La Torre
'47 Helen Connelly O'Callaghan
'53 Patricia Pierce
'53 Kathleen Crane Thiele
'54 mother of Anita McGowan Kirkpatrick
'55 Sue Colburn Erickson
'57 Anne Terrin Dauvilliers
'60 Maggie Kite
'64 Jeanne Schanhaar Hoover
'66 mother of Kathleen Dearing
'67 husband of Belinda Barry Mitchell
'69 mother of Agnes Somogyi-Malinko
'73 Jose Balderrama
'74 husband of Kathryn Wheelon Bradford
'76 father of Carla Esling
'82 father of Lizbeth Dominguez Rios
'98 father of Donna Daegdigan
'01 Margaret Weatherspoon-Keel

They will be remembered in the Masses, prayers, and good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Advanced Degrees

The Alumnae Association congratulates the following alums on their successful pursuit of intellectual achievement:

'72 Linda Esterbrooks Castile, master's in special education, California State University, San Marcos, 2005
'82 Rebecca Kennedy Bertalan, Master's in Nursing Education, University of Wyoming, 2004
'95 Marie Anne Legaspi, M.S. in Nursing with speciality in family nurse practitioner, Azusa Pacific University, 2005
'01 Veronica Alvarez, M.A. in Political Theory, California State University, Los Angeles, 2004

NOTE: We are proud of all of our alums and are happy to showcase their academic achievements. Please let us know when you receive an advanced degree and include the date and the name of the institution granting the degree. In order to keep this feature current, please do not go back any further than four years or send information that has already appeared in Alumnae Class Notes.

Aloha! Hawaii Here She Comes

Jackie Bigelow Stevens '57 has entered every Hawaiian raffle the Mount has had, but never thought her ticket would ever be picked. "I am still pinching myself to believe that I really won," she said. She and her daughter are eagerly looking forward to the trip, which they plan to take early next year.

This year, more than 1,180 Mount alumnae and friends took their chances for the all-expense paid trip to Maui, which was donated to the College by the William H. Hannon Foundation. The raffle raised $31,420 for student scholarships.

A Look Back

CSJ postulants gather at the House of Studies before going to the Mount's Mary Chapel for Reception in 1956.

CARONDELET CENTER ARCHIVES

Reception Procession into Chapel at the House of Studies (now Carondelet Center) in 1959. These young women were received into the Community of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Reception and Profession of Vows ceremony for new CSJs in the House of Studies Chapel in 1964.

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Friday, October 14
8 p.m.

Alumnae Concert

Pompeian Room, Doheny Mansion
Doheny Campus
$10 general admission;
$5 for students and seniors
Call (310) 954-4266 for information

Saturday, October 22
Registration begins at noon

Homecoming: Making History

Celebrate the Mount's 80th Anniversary
Chalon Campus
For information, please see page 18.
Register online at:
www.msmcalums.la.edu/homecoming
(see page 4.)

December

Friday, December 9, 2005
8 p.m.

Christmas Choral Concert

Mary Chapel, Chalon Campus
Call (310) 954-4266 for information
WECAN (Weekend College Alumni Network)
will host a wine and cheese Christmas reception
before the concert.

January

Saturday, January 21, 2006
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Laughter in God's Kingdom

Donohue Center
Doheny Campus
David Evans, a scriptwriter and TV show staff writer, will explore ways in which humor can nourish the life of faith; how it can lead to a better understanding of the Bible and its great protagonists; and how it can help in loving God more fully. This program, sponsored by the Program in the Spiritual Life, will be a blend of input, laughter, spiritual practice, and discussion. Admission is $35 for pre-registered participants; $40 at the door. Call (213) 477-2645 for reservations or information.